

Hylan Accused Of Throttling Real Bus Plan

Fully Capitalized Concern Offered to Start System in 1918 and Sell to City at Cost, Swears Weaver

Politics Got in the Way

Mayor's Friend Turner Came Hunting for Stock, He Says, and Scheme Died

During all the years in which Mayor Hylan has been preaching the cause of municipal bus operation he had before him what its proponents declared was a practical plan for the municipal operation of a city-wide system of buses, which required no new legislation and into which the city could legally venture under the provisions of the existing charter. This was brought out at yesterday's hearing of the Transit Commission in its investigation into the operation of the Hylan emergency bus system, which, with its political appendages, was shown to have been unnecessary had the Mayor only availed himself of the legal means at his elbow.

Within a month after the Hylan administration took office in 1918 such a plan was laid before the Mayor, according to the testimony of Harold B. Weaver, who at that time was connected with the New York Motor Bus Company. The plan provided that under the provisions of the charter the company would accept a franchise giving the city the right to buy back at cost and operate all of its plants and equipment at any time after one year.

Points to Mayor's Friend

The plan languished, however, and after some time it became evident that there was opposition somewhere, both in the city departments and in the Mayor's office, Mr. Weaver said. Finally he heard from various sources that the man to get it through was Charles H. Turner, the Mayor's close personal friend and business associate for twenty years. Turner had already been in touch with the bus company officials and had made repeated vague and indefinite suggestions about a block of stock in the new company for "his friends," who were understood by the witnesses to be politicians. These suggestions were frowned on by Weaver and his associates, he testified, and the franchise never was granted.

Earlier in the session, when the Staten Island trackless trolleys were under investigation, it was testified that the failure of a manufacturer to employ a William Crompton at a \$10,000 salary only preceded by a week or two a change in the specifications for trackless trolleys which the city was about to purchase and that this change practically put the firm out of the bidding. Crompton, who also was called as a witness, admitted living at the Hotel Plaza for several years and since then at West End Avenue. The only business venture in which he has been interested in the last five years is the promotion of a Long Island golf club. He described himself as a salesman, but it was testified that as proof of his ability to sell trackless trolleys to the city for the Atlas Truck Company he had the fact that he was a member of the Tammany Society and exhibited a parade picture in which he appeared between Mayor Hylan and Charles F. Murphy.

The bus plan which would have made municipal operation discretionary with Mayor Hylan at any time after one year was prepared in conjunction with Mr. McCullum, of the Board of Estimate's Bureau of Franchises, Mr. Weaver testified. This procedure was made possible under Section 78 of the city charter and had been examined by attorneys and engineers. The New York Motor Bus Company, through an affiliated concern, also was manufacturing buses of an improved type and was quite willing, the witness said, to sell the buses to the city if the city administration wanted to go into the business of operating them. Mr. Weaver said the Mayor was at that time attempting to get enabling legislation through at Albany, which seemed likely to fail, and for that reason the one year franchise plan was offered him as a legal way out.

In the mean time, Turner, the Mayor's friend, was talking of blocks of stock and aid in financing, although, according to Weaver, the company was already financed. Turner held himself out as the unofficial representative of Mayor Hylan and represented that he was acting in a quasi-official capacity. The company persistently refused to pay any attention to the financing propositions hinted at, and told Turner, according to Weaver, that it would dispose of stock in only one way—at par and for cash. No decision was ever given on its plan for municipal operation or its proposal to operate the trolleys for which it had originally applied.

In the absence of Mayor Hylan, Commissioner of Accounts David Hirschfeld stepped in as a pinch-hitter yesterday and issued a statement lashng the Transit Commission for its most recent disclosure involving the Mayor's friend Turner. Clarence J. Shearn, friend of the commission, is accused of using "cheap, dirty and unprofessional methods," and the continuance of the "muddling" campaign is termed "the dying kick of the jackass who is about to be put out of his misery."

Dairymen Select Ithaca for 1923 Convention

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Nov. 16.—Ithaca was selected as the 1923 convention city by the New York State Dairymen's Association, which closed its sessions here to-night.

The following officers were elected: President, Professor W. A. Stocking, of Cornell University; vice-president, Floyd C. Overton, of Adams; secretary, Thomas E. Tiquin, of Albany; and treasurer, R. R. Kirkland, of Philadelphia.

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Shun Pretty Officers, She Tells Clubwomen

The New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs is better off without pretty women as officers, according to the state president, Mrs. A. B. Proal.

Women attending a convention of fifth district clubs yesterday at Elizabeth were warned by Mrs. Proal not to be misled by mere prettiness. "Don't select a woman because she is good looking," she pleaded, "or because she is popular or wears pretty clothes. Women, like men, are apt to pin too much faith upon a pretty face."

The next election of state officers will be held in the spring.

Mrs. Felton To Be Senator Few Hours, George Agrees

Evinces Willingness to Step Out Until Woman Is Seated; Governor Curtails Trip

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

ATLANTA, Nov. 16.—Announcement that Governor Hardwick would cut short his New York trip in order to reach Atlanta and sign Judge Walter F. George's commission as United States Senator Saturday, that Judge George and Mrs. W. H. Felton would hold a conference in Atlanta Friday morning, and that Judge George is perfectly willing to let Mrs. Felton be sworn in and serve a few hours as the Senator from Georgia were the chief developments in the Georgia Senatorial situation here to-day.

"It would be my personal pleasure to see Mrs. Felton seated, and certainly I will not interpose any obstacles," Judge George declared.

"In fact, I have assured Mrs. Felton that I would like to see her in Washington Monday. I will have no vote in the matter of giving her a seat, since if I present credentials that very act would preclude her being given a seat."

"However, I am willing to do anything that is legal to aid Mrs. Felton in bringing to Georgia the honor of having the first woman member of the Senate."

Hays Sees Honest Ads as Help in Saving Industry

Honest advertising and better pictures will be the salvation of the motion picture industry, Will H. Hays told members of the Associated Motion Picture Advertisers' Association yesterday at a luncheon at the Cafe Boulevard. Robert Edgar Long was in the chair.

The film czar conceded that "what I do not know about this industry would fill an encyclopedia," but, he continued, "I do know the American people and I know they are going to get good pictures."

The industry was "sunk," Hays said, or nearly so, if the people of Massachusetts had not voted to permit free expression. "The vote recorded against censorship in Massachusetts was a bigger vote than any candidate running for office, or any issue ever received in that state. It is up to you advertisers to do your best to keep the industry up to a high standard. You should truthfully and honestly advertise the many good pictures the people will see this winter."

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Piano Salons—First Gallery, New Building.

Smith Holds "Open Mind" On Transit

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problem was made in passing. He spoke of it as one of the difficult questions that must be solved here.

"I approach the solution of these problems with an open mind," he declared, "and I am ready to confer and ready for help and ready to receive assistance. Not a man can go to Albany and do this job himself."

Pleads for Reorganization

"I am satisfied that we can have no lasting or permanent economy in the government of this state until we reorganize this old, rusty machinery we are trying to run with a set of rules made for the state fifty years ago, when its total expenditure were less than \$50,000,000," said the Governor-elect, in asking support for the reorganization of the government by constitutional amendment.

"It is just as essential for the state as it was for the national government to have some form of executive budget if you are going to have any lasting economy, in order that there can be some one person that every one can look to and say: 'It is up to you; it is your responsibility; make good.'"

There is a certain distance that the state can go, and when the state stops private effort and private initiative and enterprise must take up at that point, and that is now the position with the large canal Mr. Smith pointed out.

"The canal is finished," he said. "The principal terminals are finished. What the canal needs now is business. Nobody can supply that except the business men of the state. There is more tonnage to be moved on the canal to-day than there are canal boats to carry it."

Urges Boats be Constructed

"What does the state want to do with it? What does the business men want to do with it? My suggestion is that if the state is to get the benefit from it, and if the people are to realize upon their investments, chambers of commerce, business men's organizations must through some agency induce people to build canal boats and put them on the canal."

Another necessary improvement in the conduct of the state's affairs, Mr. Smith suggested, is the lengthening of the Governor's term of office.

"It is a positive joke to be electing a Governor for this state for two years," he asserted. "He is just in for a year and a half, when he is running again. I say this in a very serious way: I don't care who the man is, though he may be the greatest student of government we have, unless he has spent a considerable number of years in the Legislature, if he goes up to Albany he will be there two years before he knows what is going on in the very room he is in."

Mr. Smith concluded by urging the Chamber of Commerce and other business men's organizations not to be backward in exercising the power they have in influencing legislators along lines helpful to the city and state, and promised that he would be ready to work with them at all times.

Dr. Copeland Hits Immigration

Health is the most important asset of a nation and most nations forget that fact, said Dr. Royal S. Copeland, United States Senator-elect, adding that it should be one of the efforts of government to prolong the span of life.

After emphasizing the need of considering the human factor in governing the people, Dr. Copeland added that he was out of sympathy with the present system of restricting immigration, not

because of its principle, but because it is based on quantitative rather than qualitative standards. The solution, he declared, is to have a careful physical, mental and moral examination made of the prospective immigrant on the other side, with particular reference to encouraging the immigration of desirable and needed persons. In addition to this, the law should be made flexible enough to prevent the "cruel and un-Christian" occurrences at the ports of entry when families have been separated or denied admission as a unit.

Irving T. Bush, president of the Chamber of Commerce, who presided at the dinner, opened the speaking by reading a letter from President Harding, in which the latter expressed his regret that Mrs. Harding's health would not permit him to be present.

Harding Calls for Co-operation

"My disappointment is the greater since learning that the keynote of your discussion will be 'A Better Standard of Business Leadership,'" added the President. "The pride I have always felt in the sagacity, energy and effectiveness of American business leadership causes an especial confidence that when it moves for yet higher standards it will make real advancement."

"I am confident, moreover, that our best progress will be along lines calculated to emphasize the larger co-operations among all factors in industry and commerce, to impress the fact that the human elements are entitled to special attention, and to urge the need for frankness, toleration, full understanding and all moderation in dealing with phases which in times like the present involve particular difficulties and are vastly important. These are among the considerations suggested by your topic for this evening, and in extending my earnest hope for a pleasant and profitable occasion I may add the wish that I might be able to attend and somewhat expand my ideas regarding them."

More than 800 persons were at the dinner, including 110 guests, among whom were representatives of seventy-five commercial organizations from all parts of the United States. In addition to Mr. Smith and Dr. Copeland, Job E. Hedges also spoke.

Luke E. Wright Near Death

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 16.—The condition of General Luke E. Wright, seventy-six years old, formerly Secretary of War in Roosevelt's Cabinet and for several years Governor General of the Philippines, who has been critically ill at his home here for several weeks, was reported unchanged to-night. His physicians say that he is gradually growing weaker and his death is looked for at any moment.

Indict Witness In Civil Service Graft Inquiry

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at my home for a keg of old ale. This was given in compliance to a telephone message which I received from the Civil Service Commission. At present I do not remember just who gave this order or where the keg of ale went to."

The affidavit went on to say that for nine years Burke had been a frequent visitor to the Civil Service Commission and had great liberties there, particularly in the physical examination room. It expressly stated that Ryan had not done any favors for him and had on one occasion told him that he was not in a position to do anything for him.

Charles I. Stengle, referred to by Burke, is secretary of the Civil Service Commission, and at the last election was elected to Congress from the Sixth Congressional District in Brooklyn on the Democratic ticket. Joseph A. Ruddy is physical examiner for the commission and Frederick H. Menke an attendant in the medical and physical bureau of the commission.

Says He Paid Back \$26,800

Six witnesses were said to have been called before the grand jury which indicted Burke. Assistant District Attorney O'Neill said that at the arraignment the indicted man had virtually admitted everything contained in the indictment in the course of his testimony before the Civil Service Commission and Commissioner Hirschfeld. Burke had testified that he received the \$26,800 from a man named White and a patrolman and had deposited it in the bank. The bank records showed that it all was checked out within a month. Burke testified that he used some of the money for his trip to Ireland, but that he had paid White back the \$26,800 in cash.

In the Hirschfeld investigation Burke was asked how he disposed of his private liquor stock. He explained that when he took any of the offices of the commission it was usually when he went to ask favors.

"What kind of favors?" he was asked.

"If a fellow was kind of light weight

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from three women, some of whom had paid back. With this money he had invested in the stock market, believing Lindsay was a broker who received inside information on the stock market. The defendant said he did not become suspicious of Lindsay until last December, when the latter told him he was going away for a while. The trial will be continued to-day.

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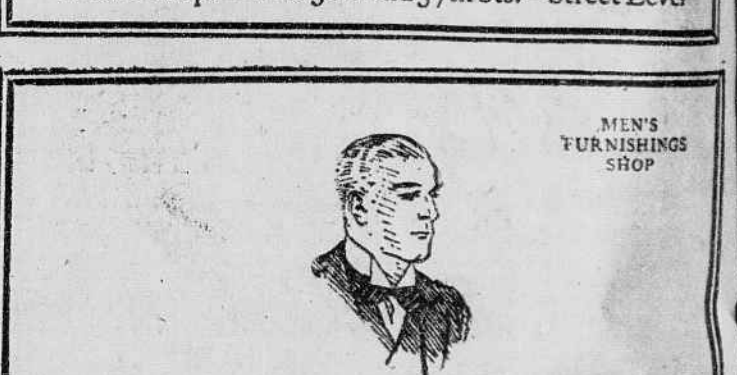


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